

(Eatontown, N.J.) – U.S. Rep. Rush Holt (NJ-12) today joined Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki for a tour and technology demonstration at the VA's recently established Technology Acquisition Center. The Center was established by VA in March 2009 as part of Secretary Shinseki's effort to modernize and more tightly integrate VA's information technology procurement efforts.

"I welcome Secretary Shinseki and VA's professional workforce to New Jersey," said Holt. "This Center has brought nearly 200 high-quality jobs to Monmouth County, and the Center's mission will ultimately benefit veterans here and across the country."

"President Obama has challenged all of us to help win the future by out-innovating, out-educating, and out-building our competitors," said Secretary Shinseki. "Innovation is what the Technology Acquisition Center is designed for – high quality information technology procurement decisions, ensuring good stewardship of taxpayer dollars. The work done here means a more agile VA that is more responsive to Veterans."

The Center is dedicated to providing acquisition and program management expertise and support for life cycle management of enterprise-wide solutions in information and technology for the VA's Office of Information and Technology (OIT). The TAC is staffed by a number of highly experienced acquisition and program management professionals who formerly worked at Fort Monmouth. The Center thus not only has helped keep experienced procurement and information technology specialist in New Jersey, but it will improve the ability of the VA to modernize its technology, improving service delivery to veterans.

# # #